At the Court at WHITEHALL,

The 20th of *July*, 1683.

Preſent

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury
Lord Keeper
Lord Preſident
Lord Privy-Seal
Duke of Ormond
Duke of Albemarle
Earl of Peterborrow
Earl of Sunderland
Earl of Clarendon
Earl of Bathe
Earl of Craven
Earl of Aylesbury
Earl of Conway
Viſcount Falconberg
Lord Biſhop of London
Lord Dartmouth
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr. Chancellor of the Dutchy.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations, having this day Preſented to the Board, a Report concerning *New-England*, together with the Draught of a Declaration from His Majeſty, to the Governour and Company of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*, up-

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on iſſuing a *Quo Warranto* againſt the Charter of that Colony; And the ſaid Report and Declaration being Read and Conſidered at the Board, It was Ordered, as it is hereby Ordered, That Mr. *Edward Randolph* be ſent to *New-England* with the Notification of the ſaid *Quo Warranto*; which he is to Deliver to the ſaid Governour and Company of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*: And thereupon to Return to give His Majeſty an Account of his Proceedings therein; And one of His Majeſties Principal Secretaries of State, is likewiſe to Prepare the ſaid Declaration for His Majeſties Signature, in order to be ſent to *New-England*, and delivered to the Governour and Company, by the ſaid *Edward Randolph*, as aforeſaid. And it is hereby further Ordered, That His Majeſties Printers do forthwith Print, and deliver unto the ſaid *Edward Randolph*, Two hundred Copies of the aforeſaid Declaration, as alſo One hundred Copies of all the Proceedings at the Council-Board, concerning the Charter of *London*, which were Printed by Order of His Majeſty at this Board; to be Diſperſed by him in *New-England*, as he ſhall think beſt for His Majeſties Service.

PHIL. LLOYD.

Charles R.

HARLES the Second by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* To all, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, or may in any wiſe concern, Greeting. Although We have thought fit to Iſſue Our Writ of *Quo Warranto* againſt the Charter and Priviledges Claimed by the Governour and Company of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* in *New-England*, by reaſon of ſome Crimes and Miſdemenours by them Committed; Yet Our Will and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby Declare, That the Private Intereſts and Proprieties of all Perſons within that Our Colony, ſhall be Continued and Preſerved to them, ſo that no man ſhall receive any Prejudice in his Freehold or Eſtate; and that, in caſe the ſaid Corporation of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* ſhall, before further Proſecution had upon the ſaid *Quo Warranto*, make a full Submiſſion, and entire Reſignation to Our Pleaſure, We will then Regulate their Charter in ſuch manner, as ſhall be for Our Service, and the good of that Our Colony, without any other Alterations, then ſuch as We ſhall find neceſſary for the better Support of Our Government there.

And

And We do hereby further Declare and Direct, That all those Persons who are questioned in or by the said *Quo Warranto*, and shall go about to maintain the Suit against Us, shall make their Defence at their own particular Charge, without any help by, or spending any part of the Publick Stock of Our said Colony; And that as well those that are not Freemen, as such as are willing to submit to Our Pleasure, shall be Discharged from all Rates, Levies and Contributions towards the Expence of the said Suit, both in their Persons and Estates. And Our further Pleasure is, That this Our Royal Declaration be Published within Our said Colony, that none may pretend ignorance hereof.

Given under Our Signet and Royal Sign-Manual at Our Court at Whitehall, *the 26th day of* July 1683. *In the Five and thirtieth Year of Our Reign.*

By His Majesties Command.

L. Jenkins.

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His Ma.ties Declaration upon issuing His Writ of Quo Warranto agt. the Charter & Privileges claimed by the Gov.r & Company of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England; &c.
26th July 1683.

Declaration about y.e Govern.r & Company of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England: 26th July 1683.